

**I**-imagine<sup>TM</sup>

**Taking MY Place in the World**



**Exploring, Wondering, Mining  
and Inventing My BEST Future:**

**A Scrapbooking Journey  
by**

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## Dedicated Our NEXT Generation's Greatness

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Tomorrow is a permanent  
address for everyone.

~ E. E. Cummings

We sat side by side in the morning  
light & looked out at the future  
together.

~ Brian Andreas, The Story People

Forrest Gump: What's my destiny,  
mama?

Mama: You're gonna have to figure  
that out for yourself!

## Credits

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Living with passion and purpose is about doing what 'lights you up' and makes your heart sing. It's NOT about money. It's about something much more rare and precious. It's about shining YOUR light in a way only you can do it in this world!

~ Marta Davidovich Ockuly

*This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine*





# Creating and Directing A Vision Video Called ~ Taking **MY** Future Place in the World

## Your Mission

This is your opportunity to create a 3-4 minute multimedia vision video that uses your imagination, hopes and heart to author, direct and produce a day of your own BEST future life 20 years from now! It is more about shining your personal light and using your gifts in the world than targeting a career.

So IF you could have ANY life you want unfold in ways that matter, making your future life extra meaningful - what would IT be? Consider if YOU don't do create the future you want . . . someone else just might do it for you.

## Great News

The brain doesn't know the difference between present and future so when you create a sensory, detailed future story by producing and directing a vision video ~ your neurology and inner choices start vibrating and organizing to ensure you will really be the MAIN character in the story you would LOVE to live in.

When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened.

~ John M. Richardson, Jr.

In life, you have two choices. You either create the future, or adapt to a future created for you by others.

~ Larry Quick

This scrapbook journey is offered as a medium for exploring, wondering, reflecting, doodling and mapping your future story of taking your place in the world. Every future is the sum of choices made everyday along the way - knowing where you WANT to go informs how, where and the way your unfolds the path for arriving in your BEST future life.

# AN OVERVIEW OF THE JOURNEY OF IMAGINING **MY** FUTURE VISION VIDEO



## Part I: Exploring About **ME**

- **Defining #1** ~ About Differences between Strengths, Interests, Talents
- **Defining #2** ~ Finding YOUR Own Inner Light and Gifts to the World
- **Exploring #1** ~ Letting YOUR Light Shine - Reflecting on Mandela's Poem
- **Exploring #2** ~ Creating a Self-Portrait Collage
- **Exploring #3** ~ Who Am I Metaphorically Speaking
- **Exploring #4** ~ Writing Simile Bio-Nature Poems ~ I'm As . . .
- **Exploring #5** ~ What Engages Your Energy and Passion? What does NOT?
- **Exploring #6** ~ Continued Explorations On Your Own: My Super Hero Life; What Others Say; MY Childhood Memory Wall and More

## Part II: Mining the Best-of-the-Best of **ME**

- **Mining #1** ~ Capturing MY Strengths for a Future Life
- **Mining #2** ~ Capturing MY Interests for a Future Life
- **Mining #3** ~ Capturing Skills and Talents for a Future Life
- **Mining #4** ~ Claiming MY Unique Light and Gifts to Shine in the World
- **Mining #5** ~ Brainstorming ALL the Ways My Unique Light and Gifts Might Shine for Good in the World
- **Reflecting #1** ~ Whatever IT Takes. . . Da Um Jeitinho
- **Reflecting #2** ~ Futuring MY Life or . . . NOT

**Reflecting Space** is provided through out for you to add reflections or wondering about your thinking along with adding illustrations, memorabilia, and doodles. There is no right or wrong when journaling except having blank thoughts - leaving nothingness. So use these spaces for reflecting, exploring or wondering your thoughts, being curious and making connections for yourself along the way.

**Journaling** is an opportunity for you to make sense out of a magical journey in creating and living into your BEST life. Writing is discovering your own understandings - so reflect away!



**PS ~ This scrapbook journey is PRIVATE! To be shared ONLY if you want - in what ever ways you want!**

# THE JOURNEY FOR IMAGINING **MY** FUTURE CONTINUES

## Part III: Inventing **MY** Place in the World in 20 Years

- **Defining #1** ~ The INVENTION Task: Your Vision Video Story Prompt
- **Defining #1** ~ Using *Take Six: Elements* for GREAT Storytelling YOUR Way
- **Inventing #1** ~ Choosing a Story Style for Your Vision Video
- **Defining #2** ~ Organizing Story Plot Points for My FUTURE Life - 20 years from now!
- **Defining #2** ~ Using Questions for MY Story Plot Points
- **Inventing #2** ~ Plotting How My Light Will Shine
  
- **Story Style #1** ~ Imagining with an Auto-Bio Free Verse Poem Style
- **Story Style #2** ~ Imagining with a Snap Shot in Time Storyline Style
- **Story Style #3** ~ Imagining with a Docu-Drama Narrative Style

To accomplish great things, we  
must not only act, but also dream;  
not only plan, but also believe.  
~ Anatole France

*Imagination is everything. It is  
the preview of life's coming  
attractions.*

~ Albert Einstein

## Part IV: Creating a Vision Video of Living **MY** Future Life

- **Pre-Production Checklist #1** ~ Are You Ready? Mapping Seven Steps for Media Making
- **Documenting the Story** ~ Archiving Your Final Narrative or Storyline
- **Documenting the StoryBoard** ~ Archiving Your StoryBoard or Media Map
- **Directing for Craftsmanship** ~ The Goal is NOT to make a Movie
- **Production Checklist #2** ~ Collecting Voice-Overs, Images, Video, & Audio
- **Post-Production Checklist #3** ~ Mixing a Vision Video with ILLUMINATING Style

## Part V: Reflecting on **MY** Future Life Journey

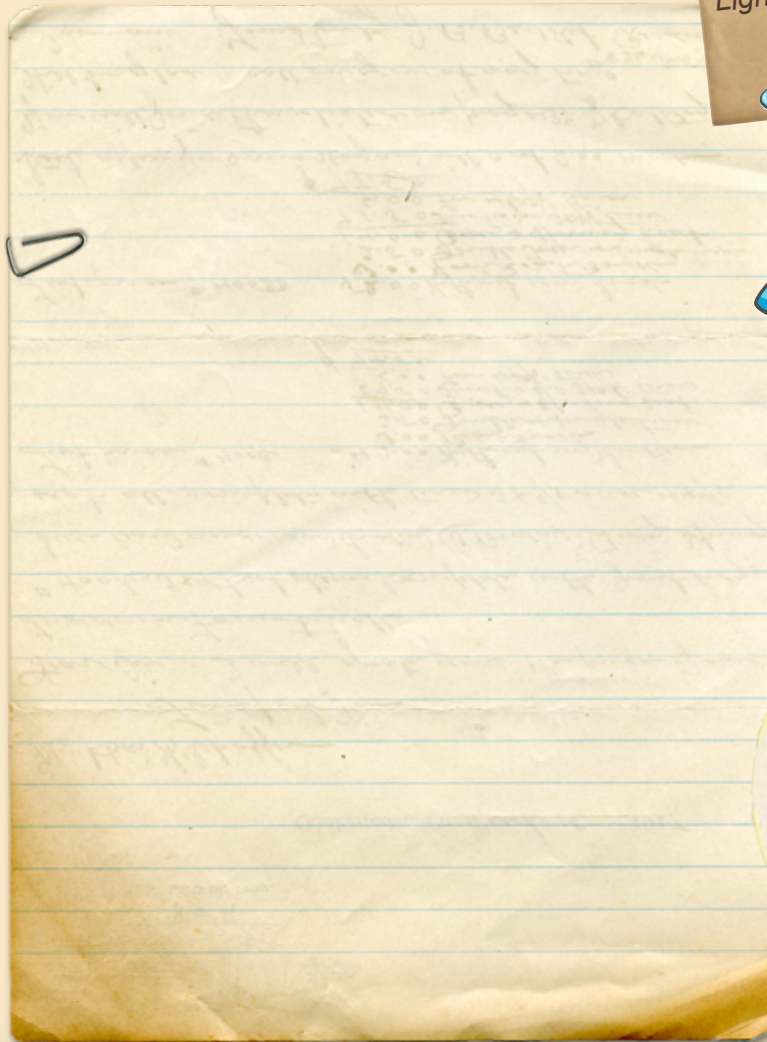
- **Reflecting #1** ~ Director's Cut: The Story Behind the Story
- **Reflection #2** ~ It's a Wrap: Reflection on Your Vision Video
- **Reflecting #3** ~ Finale Photos, Autographs, Tagxedos, Wordles & More
- **Reflecting #4** ~ Beginning NOW: Traveling from Here to There

✓ Checklists for Media  
Making are coaching  
tools ensuring your  
vision video has the  
highest quality. Use  
these checklists as self-  
reflection, with critical  
friends, or as a formal  
sign-off with teachers.

start...

# Recognizing THE Light in **ME** and in others

**Wondering:** What “speaks” to me when I read this passage? What meaning do I make of his message? Do I know other people who do or do not “shine” their light? Have you thought about your own light before?



Light tomorrow with today!  
~Elizabeth Barrett Browning



**How do I know if I or others are shining their “light?”**

**Let me count the ways . . .**

- ☐ ~ gives you energy, zest or joy
- ☐ ~ makes you feel alive and centered
- ☐ ~ doing something you LOVE LOVE
- ☐ ~ makes your heart “sing”
- ☐ ~ lets you lose your sense of time
- ☐ ~ comes from inside - a gift that may be dormant or may already be actively shining but **always** waiting for you
- ☐ ~ engages or absorbs your attention
- ☐ ~ wanting to do it for no good reason other than it makes you feel good - happy - content
- ☐ ~ choosing to do it whether others are interested, feel the same way or not
- ☐ ~ can't imagine NOT doing it
- ☐ ~ highly personal and unique like a finger print - its just you
- ☐ ~ may be general (math, poetry, sports, or environment) or very specific like walking on your hands, ballet, photography, cars, or helping others.

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